

## *Curriculum vitae*

**Name** Viviane Reding

**Nationality** Luxembourger

### *Personal details*

**Education** Doctor of human sciences, Sorbonne, Paris

**Professional career**  
**1978-1999** Journalist, Luxemburger Wort

**1986-1998** President, Luxembourg Union of Journalists

### *Political career* **1979-1989**

#### **Member of Luxembourg Parliament**

- President of the Social Committee
- Member of the Office of the Chamber of Deputies
- Member of the Assembly of Benelux Parliaments
- Member of the North Atlantic Assembly  
(leader of Christian Democrat/Conservative group)

**1981-1999** City councillor, city of Esch-sur-Alzette (Luxembourg)  
• President of the Cultural Affairs Committee 1992-1999

**1988-1993** National President of Christian-Social Women (Luxembourg)

**1995-1999** Vice-President of the Christian-Social Party/Parti Chrétien-Social (Luxembourg)

#### **1989-1999** Member of the European Parliament

- President of the Petitions Committee 1989-1992
- Vice-President of the Committee on Social Affairs, Employment and the Working environment 1992-1994
- Vice-President of the Committee for Civil Liberties and Home Affairs 1997-1999
- Head of Luxembourg delegation to EPP
- Member of EPP group office

**1999-2004** Member of the European Commission, responsible for Education, Culture, Youth, Media and Sports

**2004-2010** Member of the European Commission, responsible for Information Society and Media

**Since February 2010** Vice-President of the European Commission, responsible for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship

***Prizes and distinctions***

- 1992 St George's Cross from the Generalitat of Catalunya
- 2001 Gold Medal of European Merit
- 2004 Doctorate Honoris Causa from the Hu Chen University of Taiwan
- 2004 Doctorate Honoris Causa from the University of Genoa
- 2004 Robert Schuman Medal
- 2004 Doctorate Honoris Causa from the University of Torino
- 2004 Prince of Asturias International Cooperation Prize
- 2005 "Gloria Artis" Medal of Honour from Poland
- 2005 Officer of the National Order of the French Legion of Honour
- 2007 Commissioner of the Year, European Voice
- 2007 Deutscher Mittelstandspreis
- 2009 Doctorate Honoris Causa from the US University "Sacred Heart", Luxembourg
- 2010 BeNeLux-Europa Award